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Honorable Charles Wilson
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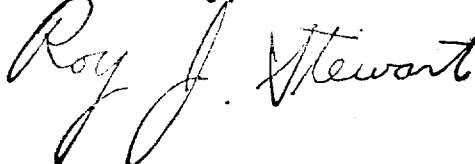
Dear Congressman Wilson:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of Billy W. Rose, Mayor, City of Woodville, Texas. Your constituent is concerned about recent rate increases by Cencom Cable Television.

The Commission has a clear understanding that Congress adopted the Cable Act of 1992 to constrain unreasonable cable rates. The Commission is in the process of formulating rules implementing the rate provisions of the law and is seeking public comment on those provisions that address rate rollbacks, refunds, and evasions of statutory requirements. The Commission will attempt to implement these provisions faithfully, and will consider the conduct of the cable industry during the interim period in deciding what kind of regulation is needed.

Your constituent's letter will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of his concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosures are informative.

Sincerely,



Roy J. Stewart
Chief, Mass Media Bureau

Enclosures

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LETTER REPORT

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Billy Rose	inq. re: rate regulation & 92 Cable Act

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February 1, 1993

Dear Chairman Sikes:

Copies of two letters -- one from the Mayor of Woodville Texas to my office and another from the Mayor to the local cable television provider in Woodville -- are enclosed. My District, along with most other areas in the United States, has been hit by last-ditch increases in cable television subscription rates from cable companies.

I would appreciate any information on action anticipated by the FCC to address these rate increases, as outlined in the Cable Television Consumer Protection Act of 1992.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
Charlie Wilson

Charles Wilson

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enclosure

BILLY W. ROSE
Mayor

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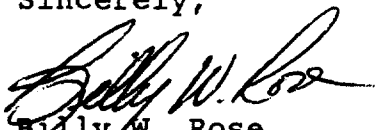
U.S. Rep. Charles Wilson
4005 S. Medford Dr.
Suite 9 West
Lufkin, Texas 75901

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the letter that I sent to Mr. Fred Knowles, the Systems Manager of Cencom Cable Television. As you can see, I am not pleased with either the rate increase or the service given to the Citizens of Woodville.

If there is anything that you can do to keep the Cable Companies from increasing rates and lowering service to the Citizens of the City of Woodville we would certainly appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

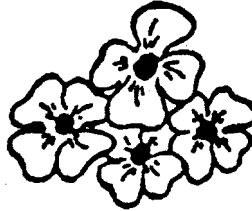

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December 23, 1992

Fred Knowles, System Manager
Cencom Cable Television
122 N. Austin
Jasper, Texas 75951

Dear Mr. Knowles:

On December 7, 1992, the Woodville City Council met in a special called meeting and discussed the rate increase of Cencom Cable to their Woodville customers. It is the opinion of the Woodville City Council that this rate increase is totally unjustified. It is also the opinion of the Council that Cencom Cable would not have been allowed to renew their franchise agreement if the council had know the company was going to increase rates almost \$4.00 in eight (8) months.


Your cable reception is very poor. Channel #8, 10 and 11 fade out and in. Also channel #19 has satelite data on the screen refering to a transponder. Channel #7 had no audio for a full week and YOU are RAISING RATES AGAIN!

You state that expenditures caused your rates to increase. If your expenditures caused this, you must have spent it in an area that did not improve service.

A copy of this letter will be sent to all three (3) elected officials from our area (Lloyd Bentson, Phil Gramm and Charles Wilson).

I cannot state the disappointment that I have with your company strongly enough. Why? Why? Why? Your commitment to good service is very poor.

Disappointed,


Billy W. Rose, Mayor

cc: Lloyd Bentson, Phil Gramm and Charles Wilson

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